

Application Serial No.: 09/765,772
Attorney's Docket No.: 06618-581001

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Initially, the indication that claims 9, 15, 16, 18-20, 22 and 23 are allowed is appreciatively noted. These claims are retained, and the rejected claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 10-14 are canceled herein. This should obviate all the rejections remaining in the case.

Hence, this amendment should render all remaining claims as allowable as per the examiner's indication of same, and a notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

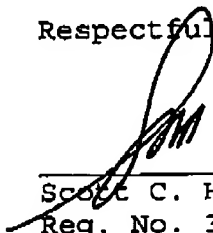
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply
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Respectfully submitted,

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